Minutes of the <u>Regular Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, May 20, 2019, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark (via telephone) Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire Alderman Jennifer Adler Alderman Joe Begley

Alderman Betsy Cooper Alderman Colette George Alderman Tommy Olterman

City Administration
Jeff Fleming, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Sidney H. Cox, City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Vice-Mayor McIntire.

2. ROLL CALL: By City Recorder Cox.

- 3. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MAY 21, 2019 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.
- VI.AA.1 Appoint Christopher W. McCartt as City Manager for the City of Kingsport Subject to Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding and Fix the Salary of the City Manager (AF: 114-2019). City Manager Fleming provided information on this item which has elements from contracts of previous city managers. City Attorney Billingsley provided further details noting this was fairly standard in historically speaking and answered questions from the board. Alderman Adler expressed concerns that there was no board input in the MOU and the severance package included. Alderman Begley also commented on the process not being the same. Alderman George stated each City Manager since Ray Griffin has been somewhat differenct than the previous one and there is no set standard. She further stated in regards to the backup data presented by Mr. Fleming she was comfortable with moving forward with the contract as presented. Mayor Clark commented this contract needs to be competitive and he feels this contract accomplishes that goal. Vice-Mayor McIntire and Alderman Olterman agreed. Alderman Cooper pointed out this position is unique because it is at the will of the board which changes every two years. The mayor also pointed out we should be focused on what we can do to attract and keep this candidate rather than what happens if he ends up leaving. There was considerable discussion.
- VI.B.4 Enter into Agreement with TDOT for West End Greenbelt Extension (AF: 111-2019). Alderman Olterman commented he has heard complaints regarding the greenbelt and the sidewalk on Stone Drive. He stated we need to do a better job of explaining these projects to the citizens. Alderman George pointed out the information is on the website and in

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the newspaper and encouraged him to ask these citizens the best way to reach them. Discussion ensued on how to accomplish this.

VI.D.4 Purchase Chromebooks from Firefly Computers for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5th, 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in the Kingsport City School System (AF: 118-2019). David Frye provided information on this item, confirming that all have been purchased at this point and they are in replacement mode.

4. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session,

Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 5,16 p.m.

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